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SAWBRIDGEWORTH URBAN DISTRICT

For the Year 1964



Report presented by

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and

THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1964
SAWBRIDGEWORTH URBAN DISTRICT

PREFACE.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report upon the health of the Urban District of Sawbridgeworth for the year 1964.

The health of the population has been excellent with a small increase in the number of live births, a fall in the number of deaths and once again no maternal deaths. The most noteworthy event has been a population increase of 130 which is a great advance upon that of previous years. Given certain circumstances it could well be that this increase could be maintained or even exceeded every year for some years to come. It may be remembered that last year's report mentioned the fact that the existing sewage plant at Sawbridgeworth was overloaded thus effecting the effluent adversely. It will be seen in this year's report that this state of affairs has continued, a matter which has caused much concern. The Council hopes to expedite connection of the existing system to the Harlow trunk sewer and is also continuing the question of temporary improvements until, however, the whole sewerage problem has been satisfactorily dealt with. There is little hope of any major population increase as more building will only throw extra strains upon an already overloaded system.

The evidence of infectious disease was negligible, though repercussions of the Aberdeen typhoid outbreak was to be found in this district as well as elsewhere in the United Kingdom. Foreign travel is now commonplace of Summer holidaying and it is believed that the public is slowly becoming alive to the desirability of being immunized against typhoid fever before travelling abroad.

I am grateful to the Public Health Committee and to the Council for their continued interest in all problems relating to the health of the community.

I wish also to express my thanks to the other Chief Officers and particularly to Mr. Ford and the staff of the Public Health Department for the constant help they invariably offered me.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant.

Gordon M. Frizelle.

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Clerical duties to the Public Health Department were carried out
by Mr. R. A. Berry, Assistant Surveyor, with typing assistance
from Mrs. P. J. Ince.

COMMITTEE CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health matters are dealt with by the Highways, Public
Health, Allotments and Lighting Committee, comprised of all the
Members of the Council.

The Chairman of the Committee for the session of 1964/1965 was
Councillor F. J. Clay.

S E C T I O N A.

GENERAL STATISTICS 1964.

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1963 are shown in brackets).

POPULATION.

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Sawbridgeworth: 4,950 (4820).

Natural increase or decrease	.....	.....	17
Migration in or out	.....	.....	<u>113</u>
Total increase or decrease	.....	.....	<u>130</u>

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres

..... 2,678

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Book: 1,656 (1,620)

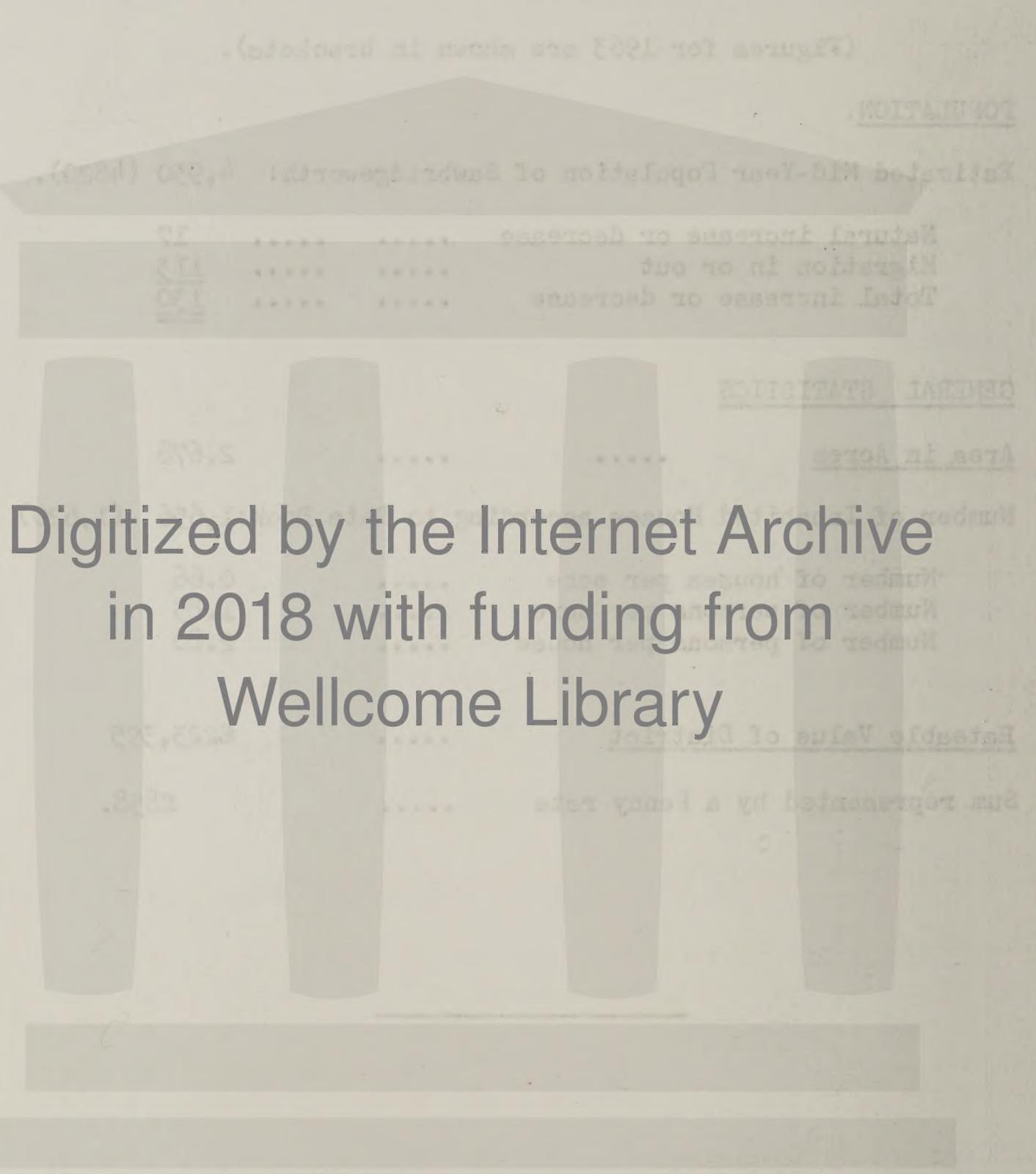
Number of houses per acre	.....	0.66
Number of persons per acre	.....	1.85
Number of persons per house	2.80

Rateable Value of District

£223,395

Sum represented by a Penny rate

£858.



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VITAL STATISTICS.(Table 2)

(Figures for 1963 are shown in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	35 (31)	34 (35)	69 (66)
Illegitimate	2 (0)	1 (2)	3 (2)
Total Live Births	37 (31)	35 (37)	72 (68)
Total Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population:	14.54 (14.11)		
Area Comparability Factor for Births:		1.14 ((1.14))	
Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population:		16.58 (11.93)	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births:		4.17 (3.12)	

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total Still Births	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Still Births rate per 1,000		0.0. (0.0)	

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	35 (31)	34 (35)	69 (66)
Illegitimate	2 (0)	1 (2)	3 (2)
Total Live and Still Births	37 (31)	35 (37)	72 (68)

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued)

INFANT DEATHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Infants under one week, total	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Legitimate	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Infants under four weeks, total	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Legitimate	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Infants under one year, total	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Legitimate	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	13.88 (14.70)
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	14.49 (15.0)
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0.0 (0.0)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	13.89 (14.70)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 total live births)	13.89 (0.0)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still- births and deaths of infants under one week combined - per 1,000 total live and still births).	13.89 (0.0)

VITAL STATISTICS (continued)

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Deaths, including abortion 0.0 (0)

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000
live and still births 0.0 (0)

DEATHS (total)

Deaths of all ages	Males	24 (27)
	Females	21 (27)
	Total	45 (54)

Death Rate per 1,000 population	9.09 (11.23)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths	1.08 (1.08)

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	9.82 (12.10)
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<u>COMPARISON RATES</u>	<u>Sawbridgeworth U.D.C.</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Live Birth Rate	14.54	18.29	18.4
Area Comparability Factor	1.14	0.95	-
Standardised Birth Rate	16.58	17.37	-
Still Births Rate	0.0	13.46	16.3
Infant Mortality Rate	13.88	14.45	20
Legitimate	14.49	14.33	-
Illegitimate	0.0	16.83	-
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	13.89	10.53	13.8
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	13.89	9.12	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate	13.89	22.83	-
Maternal Mortality Rate	0.0.	-	0.25
Death Rate	9.09	8.89	11.30
Area Comparability Factor	1.08	1.17	-
Standardised Rate	9.82	10.38	-

PREVALANCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year.

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Total</u>
Measles	2	Nil	5	Nil	7
Whooping Cough	Nil	Nil	6	Nil	6

TUBERCULOSIS

Commencement of Year -

Males : Pulmonary - 4; Non-Pulmonary - Nil;

Females : Pulmonary - 8; Non-Pulmonary - 2;

Three New Cases

One removed from Register

Remaining on Register:-

Males : Pulmonary - 5; Non-Pulmonary - Nil;

Females : Pulmonary - 9; Non-Pulmonary - 2.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1964.

<u>Line No.</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	ALL CAUSES	24	21
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic disease	1	-
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	2
11.	" " Lung, Bronchus	1	1
12.	" " Breast	-	1
13.	" " Uterus	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	2
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
16.	Diabetes	1	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	3
18.	Coronary disease, angina	1	4
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
20.	Other heart disease	3	3
21.	Other circulatory disease	1	-
22.	Influenza	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	3	-
24.	Bronchitis	2	1
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29.	Hyperphasia of prostate	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	1	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	3
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	-	1
34.	All other accidents	-	1
35.	Suicide	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-
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(a)	Still Births	-	-
(b)	Deaths of infants under four weeks of age	-	1
(c)	Deaths of infants four weeks to one year of age	-	1

GENERAL STATISTICS

The population increase in 1964, though still small by some standards, has shown a marked upward trend, being almost three times that of 1963. The total figures for 1964 were 4,950 while those for 1963 were 4,820. This gives an increase of 130 as compared with the previous year's increase of only 50. In fact the 1964 increase has been nearly as great as that of the combined previous three years which was 140. The 130 increase was made up of an inward migration of 113 and a natural increase of 17.

The number of inhabited houses rose from 1,620 to 1,656; the number of houses per acre from 0.64 to 0.66; the number of persons per acre from 1.80 to 1.85 and the number of persons per house from 2.79 to 2.80.

VITAL STATISTICS

The total number of live births rose from 68 to 72, while the still births remained at 0, this being their figure in 1963.

The deaths of infants under one year of age remained at 1 as in the previous year. Once again there were no maternal deaths. The total number of deaths at all ages fell from 54 to 45.

CAUSES OF DEATHS

Heart disease again caused the greatest number of deaths, these being 12 or 26.6% out of the total of 45, but there was no death from Coronary disease below the age of 55. Malignant disease, including Leukaemia, again came second with 10 or 20.2% of the deaths. Of them only 1 was due to Leukaemia, the first being 2 years of age while the second was aged 79. Vascular disease of the nervous system and strokes came third with 9 cases or 20% of these 7 were over the age of 65. There was 1 accidental death due to Vagal Inhibition from a fall into water while the infant under 1 year of age died of congenital malformations.

Another accidental death, not included is a child aged 8 months who died of Anoxia due to suffocation. This also brings the total of deaths under 1 year of age to 2 and not 1 as stated by the Registrar General.

Deaths over the age of 70 were as follows:-

<u>70 - 79</u>	<u>80 - 89</u>	<u>90 - 99</u>
14	9	2

It will be seen therefore that more than half the deaths occurring during 1964 happened at over the age of 70.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There was so little infectious disease of any kind during the year that this in itself is worthy of comment. During the summer the Aberdeen Typhoid outbreak led to a search for tins of corned beef with the marks of consignments incriminated in the outbreak. A certain number of such tins were found and returned to the suppliers. Consideration of epidemiology of typhoid fever in general led to the following suggestions being made:-

- (1) All people planning holidays abroad should consult their own doctors on the advisability of obtaining T.A.B. injections. This applies especially to those who wish to go to Southern Europe.
- (2) All firms of food handlers, whether large or small, should send one or more responsible persons to attend courses on food hygiene and food handling. Many such courses are now available both in London and at provincial centres.

With regard to (1) there is evidence that more and more people are becoming aware of the desirability of being immunised before proceeding anywhere abroad and with regard to (2) it is apparent that courses on food hygiene are becoming more and more popular with the appropriate firms throughout the United Kingdom.

FOOD HYGIENE.

Constant supervision was exercised over all shops and premises dealing with the sale of foodstuffs.

TUBERCULOSIS

At the beginning of the year there were 12 pulmonary and 2 non-pulmonary cases in the Register. During the year 3 new cases were registered and 1 removed. Thus, by the end of the year the cases numbered 16, of which 12 were non pulmonary.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 - 1951.

I am glad to report that no action was required under Section 47 of these Acts.

BUILDING.

During the year the Council began work on a number of flats and garages and 40 private dwellings were erected.

REPORTS.

Special reports were rendered to the Council on the Annual Conferences of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene and of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health as well as on the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963 and on the Hospital Bed Situation in East Hertfordshire.

PUBLICATIONS

The Use of Radioisotopes in Agriculture, Industry and Medicine .. .. ..	..	Journal of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene (Paper read to a meeting of the Royal Society of Health at Hertford.)
Cancer and its prevention .. .. ..	..	Journal of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.
The History of the Hertfordshire Research Convalescent Home .. .. ..	..	Stephen Austin Limited.
The Preservation of Food .. .. ..	..	Journal of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.
Tobacco, Cigarettes and Ill-Health .. ..	..	Journal of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR SAWBRIDGEWORTH.

LABORATORY SERVICE.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge.

In emergency, specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Herts and Essex General Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, are available in the District. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres.

Number of Nurses : 3 Welfare Centre : 1

Vaccinations against Smallpox, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis Diphtheria and Tetanus

Medical Officers at the Welfare Centre will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help.

Applications for this Service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 25a, Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, (Telephone: Bishop's Stortford 332).

A charge may be made for this Service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After-Care.

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Depot has been established at Bishop's Stortford.

A charge may be made for both the above Services.

Ambulance Service.

There is an Ambulance Station at Bishop's Stortford. Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

Day Nurseries.

There is no Day Nursery at Sawbridgeworth.

Mental Health.

Arrangements for patients requiring treatment under the Mental Health Act, 1959 can be made by their own Doctors or by the Mental Health Officer, Mr. Ingham, Collett Road, Ware, Herts. (Telephone:- Ware 2541).

Help in respect of Mentally Defective persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

An Occupation Centre for defective children has been established in Hertford.

Hospital Services.

Sawbridgeworth is served chiefly by the Herts and Essex General Hospital (formerly Haymeads) and by the Bishop's Stortford and District Hospital.

These Hospitals are managed by the Hertford Group Hospital Management Committee, within the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

General Practitioner Medical Services.

Two General Practitioners reside and practise in Sawbridgeworth: but the Town is also served by Practitioners in the Harlow (Essex) and Bishop's Stortford localities.

Dental Service.

Dental Practitioners are available in adjoining towns.

Old People's Welfare Association.

This body is very active in Sawbridgeworth and in addition to its other functions, has for a number of years been responsible for a much needed Chiropody Service.

The Woman's Voluntary Service provides meals on wheels for Sawbridgeworth and adjacent areas.

Other Services: There is a Mortuary owned and managed by the Urban District Council. Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions are held at the Memorial Hall.

S E C T I O N C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The piped supply is provided by the Lee Valley Water Company to 1,773 premises.

48 premises in the District, including new houses, were connected to the mains during the year, leaving four dwellings in Spellbrook which are supplied from privately owned wells.

The water supply to the district has been regularly sampled throughout the year and submitted for analysis. 200 samples were sent for analysis for bacteriological examination and in each case the water showed no evidence of contamination. 13 water samples were sent to the Laboratory for chemical analysis and the reports showed that all samples conformed to Standards of purity suitable for public supply.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Most of the District is served by main drainage. Sewage is disposed of at two sewage works. The effluent at the principal works is discharged into the River Stort after purification and in the case of the other (smaller) works, it is disposed of by septic tank treatment followed by land irrigation.

Five out of fourteen samples of effluent taken from the Central Sewage Works for analysis were satisfactory upon analysis. Nine samples were high in suspended matter, and B.O.D. content.

The Lee Conservancy Catchment Board are most concerned about the standard of final effluent and the Council are making every effort to expedite the connection of the sewerage system to the existing trunk sewer at Harlow and thence to Rye Meads Sewage Disposal Works.

The Council have also under consideration temporary improvements at their Sewage Works in order to alleviate conditions during the interim period.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household refuse is collected weekly and is disposed of by controlled tipping at Harlow U.D.C. Tip. Special arrangements are made in connection with trade refuse. Large articles are collected free of charge by the Council.

PARTICULARS OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S WORK.

Summary of Visits:- During the year 1964.

Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	197
Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	43
Food and Drugs Act	...	...	...	...	164
Factories Act	...	...	...	...	114
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	<u>287</u>
					825
					<u> </u>

Number of informal Notices served	...	...	6
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	...	Nil

HOUSING ACTS 1936-1959.

NEW HOUSING

10 old persons bungalows are under construction at Ventorts Road.

2 two-bedroom houses and 6 three bedroom houses were completed during the year.

Work is in progress on the undermentioned dwellings and it is hoped to have some of the dwellings available for letting in the middle part of the year 1965:-

One block of 24 flats.

One block of 5 flats and 5 maisonettes

One block of 4 houses

One block of 2 and one block of 3 old persons bungalows.

36 lock-up garages and ancillary works.

40 private dwellings were erected during the year.

HOUSING AND HOUSE PURCHASE ACT, 1959.

Three applications were received from applicants for standard grants in respect of three dwellings, all of which were granted.

Detail plans have been prepared for improvements to 56 Council houses and it is hoped that work on them will commence early in 1965.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

MILK. Number of Retail Purveyors of Milk 1
 Number of Dairies 1

The Dairy was inspected on fifteen occasions during the year.
Purveyors' delivery vehicles also receive frequent inspection.

Ice Cream No Ice Cream is manufactured in the district.
There are twelve registered premises who sell
wrapped ice cream, and regular inspections are
carried out.

Unsound Food The following foods were found unfit for human
consumption and were surrendered:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of Tins or Containers</u>	<u>Weight in lb</u>
Meat (tinned)	3	12
Total Weight: 12 lbs.		

(1963 Total - 14 lbs)

Shops and other premises engaged in the sale
and preparation of foodstuffs number 38. This number is made
up as follows:-

Butchers	4
Grocers and Provision Merchants	10
Bakehouses	2
Fish Shops	1
Cafés, Public Houses etc.,	6
Institutional Kitchen, Schools and Industrial Canteens	9
Greengrocers	5

164 visits were made to these premises during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

No charge is made in respect of private dwellings.

Routine Sewer treatments were carried out twice during the
year, and the Council Tip and Sewage Works were similarly treated.

RODENT CONTROL - Summary of Work Done

Total number of premises inspected	289
Number of premises infested	50
Number of premises treated by the Council	50
Total number of visits and re-visits	361

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIED ACT, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorityes.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	24	73	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	5	41	-	-
Total	29	114	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) Overcrowding (S.2). Unreasonable temperatures (S.3). Inadequate ventilation (S.4).				NIL	

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).					
Sanitary conveniences (S.7).					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective.					
(c) Not separate for sexes.			N I L		
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).					

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions. (7)
Wearing Apparel	4	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	-	-	-	-	-

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 received the Royal Assent on 31st July, 1963.

A number of Statutory Instruments and Regulations were issued by the Ministry of Labour during the year for enforcement by Local Authorities.

The following work was carried out during 1964:-

A list of all premises likely to be affected by the provisions of the Act were extracted from the Rate Book and a letter was sent to all people concerned enclosing Form O.S.R.1 for completion and return.

In cases of non-return, further letters were sent requesting return of the completed forms. In cases where this step produced no result personal visits were made to the premises and forms collected.

In many instances the forms were not returned due to the employers not being sure whether the premises required registration. This was especially so in the case of small shop-keepers.

The main emphasis has been made in bringing to the employers notice of the Act so that they could make themselves conversant with its requirements.

The forms were checked and analysed and those outside the scope of the Act were excluded.

Due to shortage of staff no further work has been carried out in connection with the requirements of the Act. However the Council in the latter part of the year advertised for a Technical Assistant to undertake duties in connection with the administration of the Act.

It will be appreciated that it is most difficult to obtain suitable staff for this type of work.

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TABLE A

Class of Premises (1)	Number of premises registered during year. (2)	Total number of premises at end of year. (3)	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year. (4)
Offices	35	35	NIL
Retail Shops	41	41	NIL
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	2	2	NIL
Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	5	5	NIL
Fuel Storage Depots	2	1	NIL

TABLE B - Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises - 73.

TABLE C - Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.

Class of Workplace (1)	Number of Persons employed (2)
Offices	118
Retail Shops	152
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	15
Catering Establishments open to Public	18
Canteens	10
Fuel Storage Depot	5
TOTAL	<u>318</u>
Total Males	110
Total Females	208

